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SENATE BILL

No. 461

Introduced by Senator Leno

February 21, 2013

An act to add Section 6217.9 to the Public Resources Code, relating to coastal resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 461, as amended, Leno. State tide and submerged lands: mineral extraction leases: revenues.

Existing law authorizes the State Lands Commission to lease tide and submerged lands and beds of navigable rivers and lakes for the extraction of oil and gas, as specified. Existing law, with specified exceptions, generally requires the State Lands Commission, on and after July 1, 2006, to deposit all revenue, money, and remittances, derived from mineral extraction leases on state tide and submerged lands into the General Fund, to be available upon appropriation by the Legislature for specified purposes.

This bill would create the Coastal Adaptation Fund in the State Treasury, and would authorize the expenditure of moneys in the fund, in an amount not to exceed ~~\$15,000,000~~ *\$10,000,000* annually, by the Ocean Protection Council, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the California Coastal Commission, the State Coastal Conservancy, the State Lands Commission, and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, upon appropriation by the Legislature in

the annual Budget Act, for activities that prepare, plan, and implement measures based upon the best available scientific information, that are designed to address and adapt to sea level rise and coastal climate change.

The bill would require the Legislature to appropriate unspecified amounts for these purposes to each of these state agencies in the annual Budget Act and would require that funding made available pursuant to these provisions be in accordance with the 2009 California Climate Adaptation Strategy, as specified. The bill would require the Natural Resources Agency to ensure that moneys expended from the fund are in compliance with the strategy and would authorize the agency to require each of the above-listed entities to provide information necessary to implement these provisions. The bill would require the agency to make certain information regarding activities funded by the Coastal Adaptation Fund available on a publicly accessible Internet Web site. The bill would also make various findings and declarations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:
- 3 (a) The coast of California is a vital and invaluable natural
4 resource of statewide importance belonging to all the people, and
5 its preservation and accessibility by current and future generations
6 is of paramount concern to the residents of this state and nation.
- 7 (b) Burning nonrenewable fossil fuels that are extracted from
8 California's public lands and state tidelands contributes to global
9 climate change and sea level rise, which threatens the state's coastal
10 natural resources, human, plant, and animal communities, public
11 infrastructure, coastal tourism and recreational opportunities, and
12 the state's fifty-billion-dollar (\$50,000,000,000) coastal economy.
- 13 (c) Royalty revenue generated from leases authorizing the
14 extraction of nonrenewable resources on the state's trust lands
15 should be prioritized for planning, minimizing, and mitigating the
16 environmental impacts of those activities, including, but not limited
17 to, sea level rise.
- 18 (d) California's coastal management agencies, the California
19 Coastal Commission, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and

1 Development Commission, and the State Coastal Conservancy,
2 have broad authority for protecting coastal resources, enhancing
3 public access to and along the shoreline, and working in partnership
4 with local governments in long-range land use planning, permitting,
5 and projects.

6 (e) The State Lands Commission, Ocean Protection Council,
7 and the Department of Fish and Wildlife have constitutional and
8 statutory obligations to protect natural resources on other coastal
9 public lands while ensuring public access.

10 (f) Recent “King Tide” events, during which residents
11 photographed the local consequences of extreme high tide events
12 around the state, illustrate that California’s coastal communities
13 are not prepared for the coming “new normal” of rising sea levels,
14 and that enhanced coastal planning and management of coastal
15 resources and development continue to be of preeminent concern
16 to the state.

17 (g) The current rate of global sea level rise calls for an urgent,
18 coordinated, statewide initiative to actively plan for adaptation
19 and mitigation strategies to address the inevitable economic and
20 environmental impacts of sea level rise in this state.

21 (h) California has an existing “planning infrastructure” already
22 in place to address sea level rise, coastal management, and
23 associated planning and land use issues in the form of local coastal
24 programs and the San Francisco Bay Plan.

25 (i) Maintaining a strong state coastal management program,
26 including comprehensive updates of existing planning documents,
27 is the most efficient, cost-effective, and practical method for
28 ensuring that statewide coastal management and climate change
29 policies are locally implemented and that unplanned and costly ad
30 hoc responses that risk more significant environmental and social
31 harm are avoided.

32 (j) Revenues generated from state tideland, oil, and gas leases
33 were historically allocated for environmental projects and programs
34 with a nexus to the extraction activities.

35 (k) In order for the state to maintain its strong coastal
36 management program and to plan and prepare comprehensively
37 for sea level rise in the face of a rapidly changing climate, it is
38 appropriate to allocate revenues from nonrenewable resource
39 royalties to purposes related to coastal resource protection and

1 management, including forward-thinking sea level rise and climate
2 change planning.

3 SEC. 2. Section 6217.9 is added to the Public Resources Code,
4 to read:

5 6217.9. (a) (1) The Coastal Adaptation Fund is hereby created
6 in the State Treasury. Moneys in the fund may be expended, in an
7 amount not to exceed ~~fifteen~~ *ten* million dollars ~~(\$15,000,000)~~
8 *(\$10,000,000)*, by the Ocean Protection Council, the Department
9 of Fish and Wildlife, the California Coastal Commission, the State
10 Coastal Conservancy, the State Lands Commission, and the San
11 Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission. The
12 moneys are subject to appropriation by the Legislature in the annual
13 Budget Act, to fund activities that prepare, plan, and implement
14 measures, based upon the best available scientific information,
15 that are designed to address and adapt to sea level rise and coastal
16 climate change.

17 (2) Moneys appropriated to the State Coastal Conservancy shall
18 be subject to Section 31113, and the State Coastal Conservancy
19 shall collaborate with all appropriate public conservancies and
20 commissions in the geographic areas of those entities in
21 implementing this section.

22 (b) The Legislature shall appropriate at least ____ dollars (\$
23 ____) in the annual Budget Act to each of the state agencies
24 described in subdivision (a), for the purposes stated therein.

25 (c) Moneys made available pursuant to this section shall be used
26 to fund activities that are in accordance with the 2009 California
27 Climate Adaption Strategy, or the most recent update to the
28 strategy, as prepared by the Natural Resources Agency.

29 (d) The Natural Resources Agency shall ensure that moneys
30 expended from the Coastal Adaptation Fund are in compliance
31 with the 2009 California Climate Adaptation Strategy, or its most
32 recent update, and, in ensuring compliance with the strategy, the
33 agency may require the entities described in subdivision (a) to
34 provide information necessary to implement this section.

35 (e) In accordance with subdivision (d), the Natural Resources
36 Agency shall also, on a publicly accessible Internet Web site,
37 annually make available information regarding any activity funded
38 pursuant to this section. The information shall include, at a
39 minimum, all of the following:

- 1 (1) The name of the agency, or agencies, to which funding was
2 allocated.
- 3 (2) A summary of the activity funded by the Coastal Adaptation
4 Fund, including the activity's purpose and its relationship to the
5 2009 California Climate Adaptation Strategy, or its update.
- 6 (3) The amount allocated for the activity.
- 7 (4) An anticipated timeline and total cost for completion of the
8 activity.

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